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DEPT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON VARIOUS MATTERS

1. AS YOU KNOW, FAHMY IS IN ALEXANDRIA. WHEN I SPOKE TO HIM BY PHONE LAST NIGHT, I ASKED HOW THE MEETING WITH THE SAUDI AND KUWAITI FONMINS HAD GONE. HE REPLIED RATHER CRYPTICALLY THAT IT HAD NOT GONE TOO WELL, BUT HE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT WISH TO ELABORATE. (THIS MORNING'S CAIRO PRESS QUOTES SADAT AS SAYING THE MEETING WAS "GOOD," WHILE VP MUBARAK SIMPLY COMMENTED THAT CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING. PRESS ATTACKS ON SYRIA HAVE ALSO BEEN RESUMED.)

2. FAHMY THEN TOLD ME HE EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN ALEXANDRIA FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK TO BE ON HAND WHEN THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE AFRICAN AMBASSADORS THERE ON WEDNESDAY AND IDI AMIN ON THURSDAY. THE LATTER WILL BE HERE FOR THREE DAYS. FAHMY ASKED THAT I COME TO ALEXANDRIA SOMETIME LATER THIS WEEK FOR A CHAT. HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW IF I HAD ANYTHING NEW ON LEBANON.

3. I TOLD HIM THAT I EXPECT TO GO BACK TO THE US ON MAY 31 FOR PERSONAL REASONS. HE IS AWARE OF MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S SERIOUS ILLNESS. I MENTIONED I WOULD ALSO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS. FAHMY SAID HE ASSUMED YOU HAVE CALLED ME BACK ON CONSULTATIONS AND

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ASKED IF MURPHY AND PICKERING ARE ALSO BEING CALLED

BACK. I TOLD HIM MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MURPHY WILL GO
BACK ON HOME LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS ON JUNE 10. I
KNEW NOTHING ABOUT PICKERING. TOON WAS ALREADY IN
THE US ON HOME LEAVE.

4. FAHMY THEN INDICATED THAT I SHOULD SEE THE PRESIDENT
BEFORE I LEAVE. I AM TO CALL HIM TODAY TO ASCERTAIN
WHAT MIGHT BE THE BEST DAY--WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
OR SATURDAY. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT I WILL SEE THE
PRESIDENT ONE OF THOSE DAYS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE
ARE ANY SPECIAL SUBJECTS YOU WISH ME TO DISCUSS WITH HIM.
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